



Mike Spence, Caddo Clerk of Court

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION, TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF
PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS
THROUGH THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TO ATLANTA,
GEORGIA ALONG THE I-20 CORRIDOR AND OTHERWISE
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Congress has recently passed a major infrastructure bill, which includes
some sixty-six billion dollar allocation for passenger rail and Amtrak; and

WHEREAS, connecting Fort Worth, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia, with points along the
interstate 20 Corridor including Shreveport, Louisiana, would establish a passenger rail connection joining
more than 14,000,000 residents throughout Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, and
connecting these states with the East Coast and onward north to New York; and

WHEREAS, the existing Interstate 20 was constructed almost sixty years ago, and there
has been no material increase in capacity, despite the population growth throughout these states of two
to three times during the last two generations, and there appear to be no present plans to materially
expand the existing four lanes of Interstate 20 for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the I-20 Corridor Council, representing many cities and councils of
governments along the proposed route obtained federal funding and has completed two important
studies, including

- (1) a 2015 Amtrak feasibility study which determined that a long-distance passenger
rail connection could operate profitably over the existing railroad infrastructure
and would require no annual governmental subsidy; and
- (2) a 2017 capacity study suggested that a capital expenditure investment of less
than \$80 million in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. This would represent a
fraction of the cost of conventional highway construction and would enable new
passenger rail service on the route without adversely affecting freight traffic along
the host railroad; and

WHEREAS, the I-20 Rail Corridor service would provide an east-west connection
consisting of two daily passenger trains for the regions of Dallas, Fort Worth and Atlanta and would run
through the City of Shreveport; and the proposed railway service will connect surrounding regions and
result in increased economic viability for cities along the railway route for tourism and increased mobility
by providing an alternative means of transportation; and;

WHEREAS, grassroots, multi-state coalitions including mayors, local, state and federal
officials, business and economic leaders and many other stakeholders have shown great support for this
opportunity along the I-20 corridor, and creating an economical and environmentally attractive addition to
highway travel; and

WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition of the Kansas City Southern Railway ("KCS") by
Canadian Pacific Railway ("CP") is pending before the United States Surface Transportation Board, and
Canadian Pacific and Amtrak have announced plans to conduct a study to finalize a cooperative
agreement to operate the passenger train for the I 20 Corridor along the trackage being acquired by
Canadian Pacific.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due,
regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and
support the efforts to construct and operate a long-distance passenger rail connection along the I-20
corridor, also supports the approval of the Surface Transportation Board of the merger between Kansas
City Southern and Canadian Pacific Railways, and further supports the efforts to improve on-time
performance of Amtrak passenger trains with the host railroad carriers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application
thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be
given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this
resolution are hereby declared severable.

I, Jeff Everson, Clerk to the Caddo Parish Commission, hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true copy of the transaction of said body in
regular session convened on the 3rd day of March, 2022, and is so
recorded in Minute Book No. 69, at Page 526.

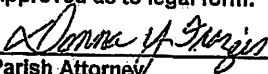
Given under my hand and seal of office this 25th day of March, 2022.

Clerk of Parish Commission
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:



Parish Attorney

3/24/22

Date